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5. [] - GLC) In response to Senator Charles H. Percy's (R., Ill.) request for an updating of his unclassified chart on Soviet ICBM threats, I gave Scott Cohen, of the Senator's staff, the figures provided us by OSR as taken from unclassified sources (1200 at the end of 1969--the Institute of Strategic Studies; and 1240--the New York Times of 28 April 1970).

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6. [] JMM) Met with Senator Milton Young whom I briefed in detail on the differences between FBIS and NSA intercept operations. I gave him a set of current FBIS area books to examine at his leisure.

I briefed the Senator on the current military situation in Cambodia, and the Soviet military presence in Egypt.

In answer to my question the Senator said he thought our budget briefing earlier in the week had gone very well and that he was reassured at Senator Ellender's reasonably friendly attitude toward the Agency. However, he said that undoubtedly Ellender would push for some cuts in the intelligence community and possibly at least token cuts in the Agency budget. This, said Young, would of course depend in part on whether Senator Russell took part in the Subcommittee's deliberations.

So far as the military intelligence services are concerned, Young said he agreed with Ellender that significant cuts are necessary and he personally feels that NSA should take the major share.

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7. [] JMM) Mr. [] OCI, and I met with Senator Peter Dominick at his request and Mr. [] briefed him in depth on the present situation in the Middle East. I covered our present assessment of the new Soviet Swingwing bomber, concerning which the Senator said there was a good deal of confusion even within the Armed Services Committee, apparently as a result of some recent briefings by the Air Force. I emphasized to the Senator that our present estimates of this aircraft were based on limited information and were therefore quite tentative. My comments closely followed [] of 24 April, which set forth DDI's "preliminary assessments" of the matter.

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